

did he pay next to nothing for the item, but if he sells it back to the owner, he extorts money from that owner that he never paid. And if he sells it to somebody else he then extorts the money from then and there are people who frequent these places to pick up these "bargains" because even if the item is worth \$5,000 and the pawnbroker got it for 100 and I get it for 2,000, I still have gained by going there and purchasing it from him so there is an underground system of business in this country. And because not only of these considerations about pawnbrokering itself, but the fact that it's a tax and it should not be repealed simply because people have not done their duty, I'm going to vote against it. I won't try to filibuster it and stop it, but I'll save that for later on bigger fish.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President, I rise to support the advancement of the bill and at this point in time maybe I should point out some of the procedure. I believe in 1983 or '84 the Legislature enacted legislation similar to a city ordinance in Omaha. Let me give you an example of a boat or a motor that somebody might take down to a pawn shop. They don't own it, they are lending money on it. That person who owns that boat or motor is paying a tax on it. The pawnshop owner must hold it for four months. When the person comes in to pawn a particular item, the law now requires identification, fingerprints. Those things that were pawned in a pawn shop on a Friday, this Monday in Omaha, for example, the Omaha Police Department will be in and pick up all of the cards with the fingerprints, what identification, what the item was, the serial number, et cetera. So, the Legislature enacted legislation as I believe, as I said, in 1983 or '84 similar to a city ordinance in Omaha. There may be some things that slip through from time to time just like there would be to anyone who buys secondhand material or merchandise, et cetera. But I think it is consistent with other things that we do and I support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pappas, please. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just, and members, I would just briefly say that I support the bill as Senator Johnson has said because there is very little relationship between the problems that Senator Higgins and Senator Chambers have brought up and the tax measure that we're talking about here today. I would simply say though, that there